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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

SALUTATORY.

With this issue the FORTNIGHTLY resumes its circulation among the students of McGill. We feel that it will be a source of some gratification to those enterprising spirits who established this journal upon its present basis four years ago, to know, that since it has passed out of their hands, and they out of the current of University life, it has not ceased to prosper, and now, with every prospect of success, enters upon its fourth volume. This has been mainly owing to the loyal support of the University students and the kindness of those friends who have from time to time spoken to them in "divers tones" through its columns.

It has been suggested that a University like McGill could very well publish two journals: one to reflect the severer thought of the University, and the other in a lighter vein, and to depend entirely upon the students for literary support. We concur in this suggestion. Until the way is made clear, however, for the establishment of such another journal, it remains for the FORTNIGHTLY to mirror college thought and life alone, and to meet the present exi-

gencies as best it can. Obviously there are difficulties, and these the present editors fully appreciate. They hope, however, to drift to neither extreme, but to produce, if possible, a bright and readable journal, entertainingly instructive to the student, and one in which he can feel he has a personal interest; and they aim not to recede from the literary standard so happily set by their predecessors in 1892.

The students are invited to contribute to these columns. The FORTNIGHTLY is their paper. From this point of view we are led to believe that this paper has been ill appreciated in the past. Yet, we conceive it is one of perhaps the two best institutions carried on by the students in immediate connection with their work. In the Undergraduates Literary Society the student may learn to speak readily and forcibly our glorious English speech, and here may he not acquire some skill in writing it. The importance of this matter was touched upon by Professor Callendar at last Convocation, and we cannot refrain from quoting him:—

"But there is no language," said he, "either living or dead, which in importance can for one moment compare with our mother tongue. It is the English language that you are most in danger of neglecting,—the language in which you have to speak, and write, and think, and the neglect of which will cost far more seriously than all the rest. Not only is English your mother tongue, but it is also the greatest and most widespread language in all the earth, if we believe, statistically, that 'at no very distant future date English will become the universal language of the world.' Those who have literary and political ambitions, and who wish to command the largest audiences for all time, must speak and write English. To the lawyer, the literary man, the engineer, a knowledge of his own language, and the ability to write it correctly and clearly, is of paramount importance. Clear reasoning is impossible without clear expression, and without clear expression no engineer can possibly be worthy of the name."

This language was addressed particularly to the Science students; but we trust the students in all branches will see its force and practical bearing.

Concluding, we would not forget the Freshmen. We extend to them a hearty welcome to the classes of all Faculties. We know they will enter enthusi-

astically upon their college life, and we hope they will support loyally our college institutions. We invite them, too, to co-operate with us and all senior students in support of our College paper, both by subscription and literary contribution.

OUR NEW PRINCIPAL.

In this issue of the FORTNIGHTLY, we wish, on behalf of the students of McGill University, to extend a most hearty welcome to our newly-appointed Principal, Dr. Peterson. It is a matter for congratulation, not only on the part of the students of this University and of those who have the interests of McGill most closely at heart, but also on the part of the general body of the people of Canada, to whom higher education cannot but be of interest, that a man of Dr. Peterson's acknowledged scholarship, energy and tact has been selected to fill this most important position. McGill's past history has proved very clearly that upon the Principal depends in great measure the success and fame of the institution; and in view of this fact, the advantages derived from the choice of a scholar of Old Country reputation are obvious. This reputation he has acquired not only as a student and administrator, but also as an editor of classical literature. The outlines of his student career are by this time no doubt familiar to all.

He matriculated at the University of Edinburgh from the Royal High School of the same place in the year 1872, and when, in due season, the time for graduation came round, his name headed the list of Honors in Classics. As he was then only eighteen years of age,—too young to receive his degree,—he studied in the meantime for a term in the University of Göttingen, the Alma Mater of Bismarck, and there made a personal acquaintance with German methods of study and German University life. He next became a scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, holding what we term a scholarship of the annual value of £100. In the course of the first session he gained the Ferguson Scholarship in Classics, which was open to graduates from all the Scottish Universities, and *a priori* may be assumed to have been no easy prize. Shortly afterwards, he won a Fellowship in the University of Edinburgh, and thus, holding at the same time no less than three scholarships in separate institutions of learning, for a period of two years, he enjoyed from this source an annual income of about \$1,500. After graduating at Oxford with Honors in Classics, Dr. Peterson received an invitation from his old teacher, Professor Seller of Edinburgh University, to become his assistant in Classics. Although he had entertained the idea of adopting Law as a profession, and had entered as a student of the Inner Temple, he accepted the invitation, but without any intention of devoting

his life to teaching. When he had been there one session, the new College at Dundee was founded, and being advised to apply for the Chair of Latin and at the same time for the Principalship, Dr. Peterson, at the age of twenty-five, suddenly found himself at the head of University College, Dundee. For thirteen years he performed the administrative duties devolving upon him faithfully and well. To quote Dr. Sinclair, who proposed "Our Guest" at a dinner given on the occasion of Dr. Peterson's leaving Dundee, 'their academic history during that period had been one of progress, development and expansion, and on every page of it could be found a record of Principal Peterson's devotion to the best educational interests of the whole community.'

In 1891 Dr. Peterson published an edition of the Tenth Book of Quintilian's *Institutionis Oratoriæ*, with introductory essays and notes, which has attracted much attention among Classical scholars. Besides others, Prof. A. S. Wilkins of Manchester, with whose edition of Horace's Epistles Arts students are no doubt familiar, has reviewed it. Nothing could be more gratifying to an editor than his summary. "It is a work of great industry, of sound judgment and of ripe scholarship, a valuable contribution to a department which has been too much neglected by English scholars, and it deserves a hearty and grateful welcome." This was followed in 1892 by a shorter edition of the same book, intended *for the use of Colleges and Schools*. Its object was to popularize Quintilian, as well as to admit of the introduction to College courses of study, a valuable text-book for class-reading and also a manual of Greek and Roman Literature. In the following year appeared a brother book to the edition of Quintilian, the revised text of Tacitus' Dialogue De Oratoribus, with a copious introduction and valuable critical and explanatory notes. The difficult nature of the task may in some measure be appreciated, when we know that from the time of the discovery of the manuscript in the fifteenth century, German scholars, and others as well, had been engaged in an exceedingly verbose dispute as to the authorship of the work. Year by year the quantity of matter written in regard to the question had been piling up, and each year, as it passed, instead of exercising the prerogative usually ascribed to time, seemed to be bringing to light fresh information, which required fresh discussion. All this material Dr. Peterson has carefully weighed, and placing the arguments pro and con one beside the other, has very satisfactorily vindicated his own position, and aided materially in the solution of the problem. Dr. Peterson's latest work is a translation of Cicero's Pro Cluentio, into idiomatic English. Accompanying this are introductory essays and explanatory notes.



W. PETERSON, M.A., LL.D.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE "MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY."

Thus, with a career as a student such as few scholars can boast of, with an exceptionally wide and varied knowledge of educational methods in Germany and Great Britain, with thirteen years' experience as Principal of an Old Country University, and with an established reputation as an editor of Classical Literature, we may well feel proud of him who has been chosen to fill the most honorable position in what we students like to term the first of Canadian Universities. We have great pleasure in presenting to our readers with this issue an excellent portrait of Dr. Peterson.

THE LATE DR. CORNISH.

Those students who assembled at Convocation of the united Faculties last April, and saw and heard Doctor Cornish, could not have imagined then that it was for the last time. So, however, it proved to be. The news of Dr. Cornish's death, which occurred on the 17th of August last, must have come with the force of a personal bereavement to the students of this University, not only those actually attending classes, but to all old students who sat under him and who are now widely scattered over the whole continent.

Dr. Cornish enjoyed in an unusual degree the esteem—we might say, the love,—of his students. His long connection with the University, and the deep interest he always manifested in his students gave him a place in their confidence and regard, accorded, perhaps, to none other, excepting Sir William himself.

Dr. Cornish practically died in harness. His resignation came into effect only at the expiration of last session. In a few months he had passed away. He still lives, however, in the memory of his students scattered everywhere, and his influence through them will be insensibly felt in all departments of life in which they may be found.

In another column will be found an extended notice of Dr. Cornish's life and work, from the pen of Professor Warriner, an old student and co-worker, to which it is only necessary to direct the reader.

THE LAW FACULTY.

Lectures in the Faculty of Law have commenced this year under better conditions than heretofore. The Faculty's old habitation in the Fraser Institute has been vacated for more commodious quarters in the East Wing. Sir William's old home has consequently undergone such a complete transformation as to be hardly recognizable by its former occupant. The result is several fine lecture rooms, a large reading room, a small students' room, and on the ground

floor new and larger offices for the Secretary of the University all fitted out in the most modern style. The Law Library has been installed under the skylight.

The advantages flowing from this change in better accommodation and increased facilities for good work will far outweigh any inconvenience which the extra distance from their offices to the new lecture rooms may entail on professors and students. And now we are all grouped around the mother-seat. These improvements have been made at the expense of ten thousand dollars, or thereabout, and are, we understand, another evidence of the deep interest evinced in the science of Law in this Province by Mr. W. C. Macdonald. That that solicitation has been, and will be, rewarded by the work done in the Faculty of Law, there can be no doubt. With the thorough course of study prescribed, the different systems to be mastered, and the exposition of some of the ablest jurists in the Province, a high standard of legal education may be expected to characterize the future English bar of this Province.

It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to the students, and especially to those in the senior years, to find that Dr. Trenholme is continuing his lectures this session, despite the disquieting newspaper rumors of last spring, that he was about to retire from active work in the Faculty. Mingled with this feeling is no doubt an element of selfishness in the case of those who have the bar examination immediately in view, and who may well be congratulated in having during their last session the advantage of the lectures of the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

The Law students will be welcomed in their new home by the students of all Faculties; and it is to be hoped that better knowledge of each other and fuller co-operation together in University affairs may not be the least important of the benefits flowing from the change.

THE COMING CONCERT.

Every effort is being put forth to make the coming Glee Concert a complete success. It promises to mark an epoch in the history of Theatre celebrations in McGill, not from the singular character of the entertainment alone, but also from the fact that on the night of the 25th will be realized at last the dream of every McGill student, of a meeting together of the students of the three Faculties, with their brethren of the illustrious Faculty of Medicine in one grand University celebration. The Medical students have always felt keenly on the subject of a Faculty Theatre Night. Hitherto it has been one of the events of their year, and owing to their numbers and fine organization, perhaps not the least pleasurable event—

certainly one that has always been energetically supported and invariably attended with rare success. But in view of the novelty of the entertainment to be given on the night of the 25th, and the undoubtedly high compliment paid us by the presence of so many fellow-students from two great American Universities, it was resolved to meet them as a unit, with a University welcome, nothing less being worthy of ourselves and them. And in the meantime the cords that have drawn us apart are slackened, and we are united with ourselves.

Nothing could be more admirable than the spirit displayed by the Faculty of Medicine when the matter came up for discussion on Thursday last. While the students are permeated with such a true University spirit, there is no fear for "Old McGill."

Not only was it decided, almost unanimously, that all Faculties should co-operate together on this occasion, but that they should always do so. Nothing now remains but for every man to turn out. The various committees will do their work well. Let us have a glorious day and a brilliant procession.

The FORTNIGHTLY welcomes in advance our fellow-students from Yale and Princeton. They will find McGill when they come united to receive them, nor will they have cause, we apprehend, to complain of the warmth and genuineness of the welcome that awaits. And the McGill student (if he feels well) will not be slow or cold in showing his appreciation of the musical treat which is undoubtedly in store for him (as to which we invite the reader's attention to Mr. Carter's letter to be found elsewhere), for he has a pair of stout lungs and a warm heart, proximity to a higher latitude and a little more ice and snow (in the winter time) notwithstanding.

At the moment of writing we learn that the Sports will be held on the M. A. A. grounds instead of on the campus as heretofore. This will give better facilities for a good day's sport and will no doubt be satisfactory to all.

The FORTNIGHTLY will hereafter appear on Wednesday instead of Friday. We think this change will meet with the approval of the students. Formerly many papers were lost by being sent to the buildings on Friday afternoon after the students had dispersed from lectures. By special arrangement with the publishers, we will be able to include the sporting events of Saturday in the ensuing Wednesday's issue.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PASSED AWAY.

REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D., DIED AUGUST
17, 1895.

But a line in a daily paper
Thousands of eyes would see,
And careless pass the record by
That gives such pain to me.

Yet our lives had drifted far apart,—
Mine at my ingle side ;
And his,—who, I read in the *Star* to-day,
"On August 17th died."

And ours was a quiet liking,
A simple, friendly bond ;
It was pleasant to meet and light to part,
And never a thought beyond.

Yet as I read those words to-day,
Through a sudden mist of tears
The fair, open face, and the pleasant eyes
Gleamed out through the cloud of years.

The world goes up and the world goes down,
And the young succeed the old,
And the April sunshine gilds the buds
That spring from the churchyard mould.

And eyes that of old have answered mine
Will sadden as mine have done,
As they glance down the list some day and read
That my earthly race is run.

Well, I scarce can frame a kindlier wish
Than that every lip may say,
"God rest his soul!" as earnestly
As I breathe it for his to-day.

H. M.

THE REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D.

In the death of Dr. Cornish, which took place in this city on the 17th of August last, McGill loses one of its oldest and most devoted friends, one who not only won the esteem and gratitude of a whole generation of students as Professor of Classics, but who also in every way, and to the utmost of his ability, delighted to serve the manifold interests of this University. Nor were his labors confined to McGill only. He was actively interested in the general work of education in this City and Province. For many years he rendered great service to the Montreal Branch Bible Society as its secretary, and was at his death a vice-president of the Parent Society in England, while to all the interests of the Congregational denomination, of which he was a member, his learning, wisdom and pity were most generously devoted.

Of his connection with this University no one is more competent to speak than is Sir William Dawson, who is fully cognizant of it from the beginning, and

to his kindness I am indebted for the following notes, which I am sure will be read with great interest by all. They are a part of the history of McGill. Sir William says:—

“The Rev. Dr. Cornish came to British America from England, in connection with a projected college in the western part of Nova Scotia, which, after an ephemeral existence, collapsed from want of support. In his short connection with this enterprise, however, he became known as a man of scholarship and ability, and of the highest personal character; and when the Governors of McGill were enabled by the subscription of 1856 to fill permanently the chairs of Classics and Mathematics, he was invited to be a candidate for the former, and was appointed in 1857, the same year in which Dr. Johnson, the present Dean of the Faculty, was appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

“Dr. Cornish from the first proved a great acquisition to the University, and was distinguished not merely as a diligent and careful instructor, but as a man fitted by his wide reading and literary taste and by his frank, kindly and thoroughly English manner, to give a refined tone to the students who came under his influence; while his sterling christian principle inspired all who knew him with the fullest confidence in his truth and honesty of purpose.

“Besides his more immediate professional duties, he willingly exerted himself on behalf of the University whenever called on to contribute gratuitously his time and energy to its service.

“He acted for many years as secretary to the University Examiners, and in this capacity undertook the duty of seeing the annual examination papers of the different Faculties through the press, so as to secure their accurate publication. This work occupied much of his time in the summer vacations, and was a somewhat onerous labor, even when not aggravated, as it sometimes was, by accidents or mistakes in the printing office, and by the tardiness of examiners in furnishing copies of their papers. These *contretemps* he bore with patience, though his work was not rewarded in any way, except by the gratitude of his more immediate colleagues.

“At a time when the University was unable to provide a salary for a librarian, he undertook the office as an honorary one, as well as that of secretary of the Library Committee, and, with the aid of other professors, prepared the first printed catalogue of our books.

“He was for many years a member of the Committee of the Normal School, and took much interest in its affairs. He was also a member of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, and in that capacity gave special attention to the

classical and English work of the higher schools. In connection with this committee he acted as a member of a local board for the examination of teachers, and afterwards of the Provincial Board. He took an active part from the first in the examinations for Associate in Arts, which have in late years grown to be so important a factor in the education of the Province of Quebec.

“He took a leading part in the organization and management of the Congregational College, the oldest of the affiliated Theological Colleges of McGill, and that in connection with which this method of promoting theological education in connection with the University was first brought into operation.

“For many years he was a representative of the Faculty of Arts in the corporation of the University, and was always a referee in all matters of inscriptions, dedications, addresses, and other literary productions of the University. He conducted the daily prayers in the Faculty of Arts, and after the death of Rev. Dr. Lead, acted as chaplain in all public meetings of the University.

“While thus active, and eminently unselfish and public-spirited in his activities, he was often enfeebled by illness, and thus carried on his labors at the cost of some risk and suffering to himself, while he never sought for applause or even for the measure of commendation to which his varied usefulness to the University, and to the public fully entitled him. His real worth was known only to his more intimate friends, though his influence for good was felt in every part of the work of the University.”

The above is so comprehensive a sketch of the deceased, that little more can or need be said.

Nevertheless, a few words from the standpoint of a student may be interesting to other students.

My recollections of Dr. Cornish date back to 1873, when as a Freshman I came to McGill. In those days one professor did, as well as he was able, the work which is now more fully accomplished by two or three. It was so in every department. Dr. Cornish had no assistant. He covered the work of all four years alone, often lecturing three and four hours at a stretch. Of course he could not give his students the rich and varied instruction which is now their privilege, but his classes were a delight, and the students highly appreciated his work.

To one who, like myself, entered college without very adequate preparation, his thorough tutorial work in the class was specially valuable. He seemed to call out the best that was in us, and give us help just where we needed it most. His translations were specially fine. Many a student, I doubt not, got his first glimpse of the real beauty and grandeur of Homer from the lips of Dr. Cornish, and possibly

an equal number acquired from him their first appreciation of the real fineness and delicacy and power of their own mother tongue. He was wonderfully choice and discriminating in his use of the English language.

His personal character was like his language,—pure and true. To the students of the First Year he seemed stern and somewhat unapproachable; and doubtless he had very strict notions of what was fitting conduct on the part of a student to his professor. He believed that only harm could come to the student who should be permitted to forget it. He was right. Reverence for one's teacher lies at the basis of all growth in knowledge. But if he demanded respect, he always gave it in return. I never remember his treating any student other than as one gentleman should treat another. His students learned to appreciate his sterling character, and they regarded him as a noble type of an English gentleman and scholar.

They trusted his honor implicitly, while he on his part, as the sessions advanced, and he found he could trust his men, delighted to unbend and show the essential geniality of his nature.

Space will not allow me to dwell on his various and disinterested labors on behalf of the Denomination of which he was a member and chief ornament, nor is this the most appropriate place to do so. Yet I may add, in order to a just estimate of his character and varied labors, that he was for years the secretary of Zion Church in the days of its greatest activity, afterwards he was for many years secretary of Emmanuel Church, taking in each church the burden and work of a pastor (or at least a large part of it) during any interregnum.

For years also he gave gratuitous instruction in the Congregational College, and was for twenty-five years its secretary also. Afterwards, and at the date of his death, he was chairman of its Board of Governors. He was also chairman of the Home Missionary Society up to within a year of his death.

It is surprising that he accomplished so much, especially as he was far from strong in health. His was a quiet, persistent and unselfish life,—a life that did not attract the attention of the multitude by reason of any surpassing brilliancy or masterful achievement in any one direction. He might have won more fame if he had closed his ears to the appeals for help which came to him on every hand. But men like him were scarce, and he found a pleasure in doing all the good he could.

Such men are worthy of all honor, and when they pass away we do well to pause amid the rush of life, that in their absence we may learn, as we seem not able adequately to do in their presence, what sort of men they were with whom, by God's grace, we have kept company, and resolve to be worthy of them.

W. HENRY WARRINER.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Christian Association in connection with the University begins its work this session under peculiarly favorable circumstances. It has long been the desire of its promoters that a building might be secured that would be adequate for the carrying on of its work, but up to the present the desire had not been realized. Last winter, however, an opportunity of securing a building in a specially convenient location presented itself, and the officers of the Association were not slow to avail themselves of it. The offer was made to sell the property immediately opposite the College gate, known as the Bute House. A hurried canvass of the students was made, and the amounts promised, together with the generous donations of city friends, were considered sufficient to warrant the purchase of the lot and building. Trustees were appointed and the purchase was duly made.

The task of fitting up and furnishing that part of the building required for the work of the Association was entrusted to a competent committee. The way in which they performed their duties certainly reflects creditably upon their taste, judgment and ability. This was done during the summer, and all was in readiness for the reception of the students at the beginning of the college session.

The object kept steadily before them was to make the building a college home for students, cheerful, home-like and inviting. A cosy reading-room with easy-chairs, papers and periodicals, a well-appointed parlor with piano and various games and pastimes, mellow tintings, electric lighting, and every comfort conspire to attract the students.

And then in its situation it is unique. It stands opposite the main gate of the College, on the student thoroughfare, commanding a view of the University and grounds.

A comfortable meeting-room, capable of holding upwards of one hundred persons, has been furnished with folding seats, and here the regular meetings of the Association will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. H. M. Tory, B.A., lecturer in Mathematics in the Faculty of Arts.

Two meetings have already been held, and the interest and spirit manifested were such as to betoken a very successful series. The life of Christ will constitute the course; the meetings will be informal, conversational and devotional.

Besides the Sunday afternoon meetings, there will also be held through the week classes for Bible study, in the various Faculties, conducted by the students themselves.

Special efforts have been made to enlist the interest and sympathies of the new students. To many, before leaving home to come to college, the Student's

Hand-Book was sent. It is published by the Association, and is compiled with special reference to the requirements of the new men. It serves as an introduction to college life in general, and contains much information not found elsewhere. Those who have not received one may do so by calling at the office of the secretary, who will be pleased to receive all students whether new or old.

Since the opening of the session, receptions for the new students have been held in the Association building; pleasant evenings have been spent and many new acquaintances have been formed.

It is felt that the present is an important period in the history of the Association, and the hope is cherished that it may receive the generous sympathy and hearty co-operation of the student body. It is the only religious institution in connection with the University, and had its origin in the spontaneous desire of the Christian students to band themselves together for aggressive work. It is operated by the students, for the students, and therefore can justly claim the support of the students.

The building is open all day from 8.30 a.m., and every evening, and all students are cordially welcome to its privileges.

THE LIBRARY.

Were I to tell all that I think a library is, your patience would be exhausted, and my strength would be in like plight. But there are one or two things it will be well to call to mind. A library contains the diary of the human race; for it is with the human race as with the individuals of it—our memories go back but a little way, or, if they go back far, they pick up but here a date and there an occurrence half forgotten. But when a man keeps a diary of his life, he can at any time bring the whole of its scenes before him. The memory of the human race is just as short, as fragmentary, and as accidental as the memory of the individual; but when the books of mankind are gathered together, we can sit down and read the solemn story of man's history, from his birth, through all his mutations; and so in learning the history of man, we reverence our ancestors, ascertain our own pedigree, and find the secret sources of the life we ourselves are now living. Remember, we know well only the great nations whose books we possess,—of others we know nothing, or but little. The great Hebrew people—their solemn thoughts and their glorious story—lie open to us because we have their books. We know the Greek, we are familiar with the Roman; but as for the nameless tribes who peopled the far deserts of the world,—unchronicled, bookless, libraryless—we have but a name, a date or

two, a few myths, some trumpery legends, and that is all. But here are gathered together the great diaries of the human race, the record of its thoughts, its struggles, its doings, and its ways. The great consulting-room of a wise man is a library. When I am in perplexity about life, I have but to come here, and without fee or reward, I commune with the wisest souls God has blessed the world with. If I want a discourse on immortality, Plato comes to my help. If I want to know the human heart, Shakespeare opens all its chambers. Whatever be my perplexity or doubt, I know exactly the great man to call to me, and he comes in the kindest way, he listens to my doubts, and tells me his convictions. So that a library may be regarded as the solemn chamber in which a man takes counsel in all that have been wise and great and good and glorious amongst the men that have gone before him.

H. M.

LORD PLAYFAIR VISITS MCGILL.

ELOQUENT ADDRESS TO THE STUDENTS.

Lord Playfair, the celebrated English scientist, in company with Lady Playfair, visited McGill last Monday, and addressed the students. He was escorted through the buildings by our new Principal, Sir William, Mr. John R. Molson, Dean Bovey, and Professors Cox and Callendar. In one of the large lecture theatres of the Physics Buildings he met the assembled Science students, who gave him a most hearty and vociferous welcome. Having been introduced by Dean Bovey, he said that he was always pleased to meet the students of any University, more especially as he was still a student himself, although an elderly one.

He had been for many years prominently connected with University life, and his heart, therefore, was always with the students in their studies and pleasures. It was eighteen years since he first became acquainted with Canada and with McGill University. He had several pleasant recollections of his visit to this city. At that time, if he remembered correctly, the ground upon which he was now standing was covered with the national emblem,—the maple.

Sir William Dawson was at the head of University life, and here he would remark that he believed it was chiefly due to the efforts of the former Principal of McGill that the University at present was able to enjoy the world-wide reputation that it does. For many years he had known the new Principal, Dr. Peterson, and had become thoroughly acquainted with his wonderful organizing powers. He believed that in selecting him for the position of Principal, the Board of Governors had put the right man in the

right place—a man who would certainly bring the University up to the higher standard and point of excellence possible to attain.

From a recent visit to the various Faculties of McGill University, he could say that its progress had been unprecedented in the history of any University in this or any other country. Since 1884, when the British Association met here, the College had made tremendous advances. As he had passed through the Medical, Physical, and Engineering buildings, the conviction had been forced upon him that McGill University occupied an enviable position among the great educational institutions of the world.

The Applied Science department was most thoroughly equipped with all modern and necessary apparatus. He would remind the students, however, that in studying Applied Science they were only drinking at one of the little rivulets which flow from the great river of science. The study of the former would eventually lead them into the wider field of science, in the study of which, having entered, he would ask them to persevere. When he should again visit McGill he hoped he might be able to note some improvement in the means to procure a knowledge of questions scientific.

Notwithstanding McGill's present excellence, he would like to see its munificent donors and those interested in its welfare take further steps towards making it a great Canadian and British University, by providing a chemical institute in connection with the Faculty of Applied Science. Such was badly needed. In other respects, McGill afforded splendid facilities for her students. He was pleased to see so many students identified with science and engineering. Their studies would not be in vain. As the country was opened up, as it made the progress he felt sure it would do, their services would be called into requisition to further its development.

Touching upon the administration of the University, His Lordship stated that he had noticed one defect in the organization which the authorities ought to supply. The Corporation and Faculties were both doing excellent work, but it was individual work for the individual Faculty. Faculties did not make a University. An organization, composed of the different Faculties, such as the academical societies of the Old World universities, would add very much to the strength and power of McGill University. Here the professors of all Faculties could meet as a whole for the consideration of questions of a common interest.

This was the only thing required to complete the administrative power of the University, and he hoped the hint he had thrown out would be acted upon, in order that McGill might be second to none among the great universities of the Empire.

At the conclusion of this address. Principal Peter-

son spoke briefly, thanking their illustrious visitor for the address just given, and congratulating Dean Bovey on the thorough equipment of the Faculty of Applied Science.

SPORTS NIGHT.

The presence of some forty members from the sister Universities of Yale and Princeton, on McGill's Annual Sports Day, will add a novel and interesting feature to the programme of attractions.

The entire absence of representatives from American colleges at University functions in the past is a thing to be regretted; but this new departure will likely be the commencement of the most friendly relations between our College friends to the south of us, and McGill, although it remains for the students to make it such.

It has long been felt throughout the University that McGill students should be a unit in at least one occasion in the year, and that the rivalries and bitter feelings shown by the different Faculties in previous years should be replaced by that good fellowship that should exist among all members of a common University.

The solving of this problem, we believe, has been found in the Inter-Collegiate Concert, to be given on the night of October 25th.

The task of bringing on such a large representation of Yale and Princeton men as will be with us on Sports Day is far from being a light one, and the expenses connected therewith are heavy; but the purpose of the McGill Glee and Banjo Clubs in getting up this Concert has not been to raise funds, but to reunite the faculties in our University, and, at the same time, give McGill men an opportunity of becoming familiar with the undergraduate element of American Universities.

To carry out fully the idea of a University Night, the Donaldas were asked to attend the concert in a body, and they have given their consent by requesting that a portion of the balcony be reserved for them.

The Clubs are sparing no pains to make the evening's programme attractive, and to that end are engaging one of New York's gifted vocalists, whose name cannot be announced as yet.

The Academy of Music will present a gay appearance on Theatre Night. The banners and colors of the respective Universities, the blending of the blue and white of Yale, the orange and black of Princeton, the red and white of McGill, and the intertwining of the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes, will make a scene never before witnessed by McGill students.

A word regarding the clubs who will take part on that Night.

The Yale Glee Club is considered the best organization of its kind on the continent, and from what the American papers have to say of their past performances, we may expect a treat.

The Princeton tigers will be represented by their Banjo Club, a club which has travelled from the Atlantic to the Pacific, everywhere meeting with crowded houses, and completely capturing its audiences by the air of jollity they bring with them on to the stage.

American collegians are noted for their vim and snap,

and we have no fear in saying that the above clubs will be well received.

Our own clubs, although only of a few years' standing, and while having formidable rivals in the visiting clubs, expect that, with fifty or sixty members to choose from, and from the indefatigable way in which all the members are attending rehearsals, they will bring no discredit on the name of McGill and will come in for their share of honor on that night.

Governors and Professors are giving their hearty support to this endeavor of the McGill Clubs to bring together the respective Faculties on Sports Night, and they will be fully represented on the night of the 25th.

All the committees connected with the visit of the Yale and Princeton Clubs, glee and banjo, are composed largely of representatives from the different Faculties, the Banjo and Glee Clubs having but two or three members on each of the above committees.

The object of this has been to create a feeling among the students that the visitors who will be here on the 25th are their guests as well as the Clubs, and that their coming is of University interest.

Let all the men of "Old McGill" strive to show the Yale and Princeton Representatives on the 25th that "McGill's all right," and that, despite the rumors of the past, there exists a strong bond of union among McGill students and a feeling of pride for our Alma Mater.

W. F. CARTER,
Mgr. McGill Glee & Banjo Clubs.

SOCIETIES.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the above Society was held on Friday evening, October 4th, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of business.

The elections resulted as follows:—

President.—V. E. Mitchell, Law.

1st Vice-President.—J. J. Green, Science.

2nd Vice-President.—W. S. Ferguson, Arts.

Secretary.—W. B. Heney, Arts.

Treasurer.—S. Archibald, Arts.

Asst.-Secretary.—Frank Patch, Arts.

Programme Committee.—Messrs. (E.E.) Howard, Scrimger, Saxe, McMaster, Colby.

Reporters.—McMaster and Colby.

A change of night for meeting was discussed. Mr. McMaster moved, seconded by Mr. Saxe, that, owing to the many engagements of a social nature occurring on Friday night, Saturday night should be chosen as the night for meeting. After some discussion in which Messrs. Campbell, Heney and Archibald took part, the motion was lost.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers, to which ex-President Hanson made a neat reply. After thanking the members of the Society, he went on to say that the Society should be better

upheld by the Third and Fourth Years. He said that the Society was patronized well by First and Second Year men, and that this interest should not be allowed to drop.

If the reporter may be allowed to animadvert, he would like to ask all men of any brain whatsoever to back up the Literary. The elections show plainly that it is not merely an Arts affair, but that men from all other Faculties are invited, not only to attend, but to become president or vice, or to mingle their talent with that of the Programme Committee.

SCRIBUS SENIOR.

Y. W. C. A.

Friday, September 27th, was the day appointed for the reception annually extended to the First Year students.

The Second Year class-room was scarcely to be recognized as such by the new members, for draperies of red and white covered the windows, black-board and professor's desk, the doors being also draped. Rugs covered the ink-stained floor, and tables placed in convenient corners were attractive, not only on account of the dainties on them, but also by their flowers and ornaments. Two or three large arm-chairs made the room more inviting. Miss Cowan favored us with a recitation, and Miss Watson with a song, which, together with other musical selections, added to the pleasure of the evening.

Miss Vaudry, our president, welcomed the new students in a few bright words, and mentioned the weekly meeting held in connection with the Association, inviting them to attend it as often as possible.

The evening was closed by the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

On Wednesday, October 2nd, we held our first regular meeting. The subject was "The Christian Armor." Miss Vaudry directed our attention to the subject by comparing the armor of a christian with that of a warrior in past times. We need the christian armor in all its several pieces, and the reasons were given for this need.

The picture of the christian soldier was well drawn but we regret to say our first meeting was not largely attended. This may be explained by the fact that some were at lectures at the hour, but it will probably be so arranged that all may come.

B. W. REID,

Reporter Y. W. C. A., '95-96.

DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

The annual business meeting of this Society was held on Thursday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock p.m.

After the rules of the Society had been read, the following officers for the year were elected:—

President.—A. Denoon, Fourth Year.

Vice-President.—M. Holden, Third Year.

Secretary-Treasurer.—H. Brooks, Second Year.

Assistant Sec.-Treasurer.—K. Finley, First Year.

Committee.—E. Armstrong, B.A.; F. Botterell, Fourth Year; G. F. Codd, First Year.

Reporter.—M. T. Cameron, Third Year.

Miss Pitcher, the retiring vice-president, addressed the Society, urging all the members to take an active interest in it. A vote of thanks to Miss Pitcher for her services as vice-president was moved and seconded. There were so many at the meeting that the room was crowded.

When we have a little more *esprit de corps*, and when we realize how much good it does us to debate and to listen to debates, and how encouraging it is to those who take the trouble to prepare debates and essays to have a large audience, the Second Year Class Room will be too small for the meetings.

AFFILIATED COLLEGES.

THE DIOCESAN COLLEGE.

The Diocesan College opened for its twenty-third session with the annual conference of its alumni. The proceedings opened with a communion service and sermon by Principal Henderson in St. George's church, on Wednesday, the 18th of September. The conference was carried on simultaneously with the closing days of the Provincial Synod of Canada, and lasted till Friday morning, being closed with a luncheon to the alumni, students and friends of the College, at which several of the Bishops of the ecclesiastical province were present.

Lectures have now begun in earnest, and the work of the term is in full swing.

W. B. H.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

The formal opening of the Presbyterian College for the session 1895-96 was held in the David Morrice Hall on Wednesday evening, October 2nd. The Rev. Dr. MacVicar, Principal of the College, occupied the chair.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. MacLeod, the opening lecture was delivered by Rev. Professor Scrimger, who chose as his subject "The Ministers Working Theology." The lecture, which was able and instructive, was listened to with rapt attention by the students and large audience assembled.

The statement made by Rev. Principal MacVicar, at the close of the lecture, showed a considerable

increase in the number of students, a greater number being enrolled than in any previous year. Lectures have now begun, and the prospects for this year are of a most encouraging and satisfactory nature.

D. M. McL.

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The opening in connection with the above took place on Wednesday, September 18th, at 3 p.m. On the platform were Principal Shaw and Professors Antliff Richardson and Harris. Before them were ranged all the students who had returned. Some who should have been there were still languishing on the bosom of the blue St. Lawrence, the reason, they say, was the extreme draught of the boat and the lowness of the water, but we conjecture that the causes were multifarious.

Principal Shaw extended the usual hearty welcome, and his words of kindly exhortation were carefully attended to, especially by the "Freshmen," whose number this year is legion. Professor Antliff seconded his chief with some well-timed, happy advice and caution. The Registrar and the Bursar made necessary announcements in reference to classes and other internal matters.

Judging from the trend of the remarks and the docile receptivity of the Freshmen, our prophet says we're to have a perfect session, but alas! "All is not gold that glitters."

A. P. B.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OPENING.

The opening exercises of the Congregational College for the session 1895-96 took place on Thursday evening, October 3rd.

The attendance was large, the assembly hall being well filled. The meeting was honored by the presence of Dr. Peterson, Principal of McGill.

Mr. J. R. Dougall, chairman of the Board, presided, and there were also on the platform the Principal, professors and members of the Faculty and Board of Directors.

Dr. Barbour read an address of welcome to Principal Peterson. The address expressed the cordial greetings alike of professors, directors and students. It referred to the new Principal's earnest and successful labors in the old land. It reminded him that the Congregational denomination had been closely identified with the progress of education on this continent. It expressed a desire for the most harmonious relationship between the College and the University of which he had charge.

The address concluded by wishing Principal Peterson happiness and prosperity in his new field of labor.

When Dr. Peterson stepped forward to respond, he was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. He said he was glad that Principal Barbour had assured him that he would refrain from exacting anything of the nature of an address from him. A formal address was one thing, but the effort to give expression to heart-felt gratitude was quite another. He thanked them for so signal a mark of sympathy and encouragement. As a stranger he had been received in Canada with universal kindness. And there was no more pleasing feature in his reception than this valuable address. The address reminded him of the fact that he stood there within the oldest of four theological colleges affiliated with McGill. This called to mind his experience across the ocean. The relationship between theological colleges and universities was exemplified in the Old Country.

In Scotland the Faculty of Theology had been an integral part of the constitution of colleges. The question had arisen as to the advisability of continuing this arrangement. He had pleaded that something should be done to prevent this absolute divorce of Theology from the University curriculum. In Canada he found that question had been practically settled by allowing each denomination to have its own theological college in affiliation with the University. This relationship of affiliation was advantageous and successful where the colleges were at a great distance from the University, or, as in this case, when the College was situated at the very gates of the University, so long as the College did not attempt to duplicate or do over again the work done by the University.

He appreciated the intellectual progress and freedom of thought characteristic of Congregationalism. He eulogized R. F. Horton for the high ideal of the Christian minister which he upheld in his book "Verbum Dei." By personal reminiscences he showed how he had affinities with every one of the four denominations represented by the four theological colleges connected with McGill.

Prof. Warriner then delivered a most appropriate and earnest address on "The Place and Function of the College in the Education of the Minister."

J. C. W.

CLASS REPORTS.

MEDICAL CLASS REPORTS.

On Tuesday, the 1st of October, Medicine held her opening lecture. A large number of professors occupied the platform, and the body of the theatre was packed by an enthusiastic assemblage of embryo "Medicos".

The addresses delivered by the different speakers were extremely interesting and impressive, and, judg-

ing from the frequent outbursts of applause, well received by the students.

Dean Craik, Dr. Finley and Dr. Peterson, McGill's new principal, were president. This was the first appearance of Dr. Peterson before the Medical Faculty, and without doubt he made a lasting impression both as a gentleman and a scholar. McGill is to be congratulated on her acquisition.

Dr. Craik and Dr. Finley both delivered eloquent addresses.

At a meeting of the four Years, held on Wednesday October 9th, after a somewhat warm debate, it was almost unanimously decided that Medicine would heartily support an annual University Theatre Night to be held on the evening of the "Field Day".

It was also decided that the proposed University Dinner would be supported by the Faculty. The general opinion among the Meds is that it would be a fitting occasion for the students of McGill to extend a hearty welcome to Dr. Peterson, our new Principal.

FOURTH YEAR.

At a meeting of the Fourth Year held on Monday, October 7th, the following gentlemen were elected to office:—

President.—W. K. Kendrick.

Vice-President.—E. C. Fish.

Secretary.—W. A. Moffat.

Class Reporter.—G. D. Robins.

That we have the right men in the right place this year is evidenced by the fact that the elections were in each case unanimous.

Suitable speeches were made by these gentlemen on their election, and also by the retiring president of the Year, Mr. F. C. Duckett.

A conundrum somewhat difficult to solve has been propounded to the Final Year men, *i.e.* : Given two hours time, how can a student most easily attend three clinics and eat a respectable dinner?

Any gentleman answering the above will be the recipient of the heartfelt blessings of the Fourth Year.

Episode at the M. G. H. :

Doctor (examining patient)—"Now, gentlemen, you see a beautiful example of Cheyne Stokes breathing—the breathing has now stopped—now it starts;—no,—it is still stopped."

(Breathless attention on the part of the class.)

Doctor steps back and commences an explanation of the phenomenon, and patient commences breathing. "You see," begins the lecturer, "the patient now breathes again, and——" "You want for me hold my breath 'gain, doctor?" breaks in the patient.

(Roars of laughter from the Students).

THIRD YEAR.

Nearly all the members of the Year have returned from their summer rambles, and, no doubt, are refreshed both in mind and body, and doubly so in the eyes of their seniors.

Final men, be easy on them if they report a case as Talipes Varus instead of lock-jaw, and remember you were there once, and times are harder, much harder, now.

Some of the men have grown wiser since last year, while others have grown an appendage to the upper lip.

On Friday morning, the old sport wheeled in from Halifax via New York. He made good time.

The first meeting of the Year took place on Monday, the 7th, with Vice-President presiding.

There were many expressions of regret owing to the absence of President Peppers this year. Frank Rogers was elected class-reporter. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring reporter, Mr. Proderick, for his faithful attendance to duties in the past. He is now one of the business managers of the FORTNIGHTLY.

At a meeting of the Year on Tuesday, 8th inst., Messrs. Gordon and Hayden were appointed to look after the athletic contingent of the class.

How *Long* is this reduction in cab fare to continue? Sports day will soon be here, and it is unfortunate that the athletes of the Third Year cannot have time for regular training in the afternoon.

SECOND YEAR.

At a meeting of the Second Year Medicine, Monday, September 30th, the class officers for the ensuing year were elected. The election resulted as follows:—

President.—F. C. Fraser, B.A.

Vice-President.—C. Ogilvy, B.A.

Secretary.—W. W. Lynch.

Class Reporter.—F. W. Harvey, B.A.

The old worn out discussion on the subject of *Theatre Night* has been revived again this year, and the question as to whether we are to have a Faculty or a University night is now practically settled. We are to have a University Theatre Night, and the Second Year must be congratulated on their efforts to bring this about, and in their unselfishness in giving up the so-called rights claimed by Second Year Meds of former years. It now remains for the class of '98 to make every effort to make this night a success, that future Sophomores may not accuse us of acting unwisely in thus establishing a precedent.

Now that a decided University spirit has been shown by the Second Year with regard to Theatre Night, a strong Faculty spirit should stimulate the

class to contribute its best efforts to secure the Faculty trophy on Sports Day. Every athlete of the class should begin training at once, if he has not already done so, and help to return the trophy to the Faculty where it belongs—Medicine.

FIRST YEAR.

At the meeting of the First Year, the following officers were elected:—

President.—J. R. O'Brien.

Vice-President.—R. J. Tooke.

Secretary.—Mr. Galbraith.

Class Reporter.—Mr. Harris.

ARTS NOTES.

The results of the examinations for Scholarships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, etc., have not heretofore been published in the FORTNIGHTLY; but no apology is needed for introducing the custom, since the winners in this contest have certainly as much claim to honorable mention as those on the campus or elsewhere.

The following is the list in the order of merit:—

Third Year.—Scholarships tenable two years.

Mathematical Sch., Malcolm MacKay	\$125 00
Mathematical Sch., Mary Cameron	125 00
Natural Science Sch., John G. Saxe	125 00
Classics and Modern } H. Ker	125 00
Languages Sch., } T. R. MacMillan	125 00

Second Year.—Exhibition tenable one year.

Harriet Brooks, Seaforth Colleg. Inst.	\$135 00
Wm. A. Gardner, Huntingdon Academy	125 00
R. W. Dalgleish, Huntingdon Academy	125 00
D. W. Munn, Quebec High School	125 00

First Year.—Exhibitions, etc., tenable one year.

{ L. Robertson, Prince of Wales Coll., P.E.I.	\$125 00
{ A. T. Edwards, Montreal Coll. Inst.	125 00
W. G. Brown, Huntingdon Academy	100 00
{ G. T. Bruce, Huntingdon Academy	100 00
{ C. C. Ferguson, Prince of Wales Coll.	100 00
P. A. McDonald, Huntingdon Acad.	90 00
Lucy E. Potter, McGill Normal Sch.	120 00
E. H. Henderson, Huntingdon Acad.	Bursary.

Two facts in connection with this list are very striking:—

The one, that out of twelve in the First and Second Years who obtained prizes six came from Huntingdon Academy; the other, that not one came from Montreal High School.

While this is far from being the usual record of the High School, it is well known that the Academy of Huntingdon has been gradually coming to the front, until now it occupies a position which must be a source of gratification to all who are interested in its welfare.

The Arts men regret that they did not have the opportunity of hearing the address given in the Physics Building by Lord Playfair; but one remark at least of that eminent scientist finds a responsive echo in all who have "passed through" the Chemistry room. After congratulating professors and students on the magnificent provision made for the study of Applied Science, he said:—"Your chemical laboratory is improved since I was here; it is now very much better, but it is not worthy of the McGill University yet."

Judging from the orderly way in which the election of officers for the different Years has proceeded, we feel that we have in our midst many who will in the future in wider fields ably support any election reform.

The officers for the various Years are as follows:—

FOURTH YEAR.

President.—J. C. Robertson.

Vice-President.—Kenneth Molson.

Secretary.—Herbert Ross.

Class Reporter.—W. S. Lennon.

Reading Room Com.—W. G. Turner, W. S. Ferguson.

THIRD YEAR.

President.—Ed. M. Campbell.

Vice-President.—A. K. Trenholme.

Secretary.—S. Archibald.

Reporter.—J. G. Saxe.

Reading Room Com.—R. P. Campbell, C. K. Russell.

SECOND YEAR.

President.—J. C. Colby.

Vice-President.—R. W. Dalglish.

Secretary.—A. H. Grace.

Reporter.—M. C. Heine.

Reading Room Com.—A. H. Duff, R. C. Paterson.

FIRST YEAR.

President.—A. G. Cameron.

Vice-President.—L. Robertson.

Secretary.—J. Kingsbury.

Reporter.—W. G. Cumming.

Reading Room Com.—W. G. Brown, W. G. Mitchell.

The Seniors miss the smiling face of Mr. Cole; we understand he has gone to Harvard, and have no doubt he will be heard from.

The Third Year in Arts are glad to welcome into their midst Mr. Archibald of '96, as well as Messrs. Watson, McBurney and Crack from St. Francis College.

If numbers and size count in College life, then cer-

tainly Arts '99 have good reason to feel of some importance; but one little word of warning we would give you thus early,—“Beware the Xmas exams.”

On the morning of September 28th, about 25 members of Arts '98 accompanied Prof. Penhallow upon the first botanical excursion of the season. The walk over the mountain was most enjoyable, and undoubtedly the most eagerly sought specimens were those of the “*Pirus malus*.”

On October 5th members added to their private collection many valuable representatives of the genus.

The Sophomore Greeks are eagerly anticipating the pleasure and the honor of a visit from “Our Principal.”

LEGAL BRIEFS.

A meeting of the members of the Faculty was held on Monday, 9th September, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Mr. W. Donahue, B.A., was elected President; Mr. Leslie Boyd, B.A., Vice-President; Mr. Claude Hickson, B.A., Secretary; and Mr. J. Cook, Class Reporter.

The Class of '98 is a large one, though not quite so large as that of last year.

Among the graduates in Arts of last spring we have Mr. Howard ex-president of the Fourth Year, Mr. Burnet, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hickson. Mr. Semple, a graduate of St. Mary's College, is also among the Freshmen.

William Pitt III is back again. We are glad to see Willie, and think he is improved—if improvement is possible in his case. Rumor has it that he finds that life is after all not the dreary wilderness he expected. His worth as a man of business is beginning to be fully appreciated by his fortunate friends, and, as an Adonis, his star is rising rapidly. Best congratulations, Bill.

A meeting of the Students was held the other day, to consider the question of the B.C.L. degree admitting them to practice without the unnecessary trouble of a “Final.” The feeling was unanimously expressed that the “Final” was utterly useless, a good deal of worry to the student, of no practical use, and should therefore be abolished.

The Bar, however, with a surprising want of that respect due to our august body, completely disregarded our views of the matter, and by the scandalous majority of 143 voted against the proposal. The Bar deserves, and has, the withering contempt of the whole Faculty—at least as regards this little matter.

Several of the Freshmen went to see Irving in the “Merchant of Venice.”

On the whole they admitted that the performance was interesting, but with the learning characteristic of their class were disposed to be very severe upon the legal points involved in the play.

"How was it," they asked in indignant anger, "that the procedure observed in the court of justice was of so summary a nature?" Surely a case in which a pound of human flesh was involved deserved to be treated as a *non-summary* matter.

What sort of a lawyer had Shylock? Or if Shylock represented himself, why did he not at once recuse the president, on the ground that the latter was prejudiced in favor of the defendant?

What sort of laws had the Venetians anyway? Why did they for an instant countenance an immoral contract, a contract certainly contrary to public order and good morals?

But supposing the contract to be good, were the judges so ignorant of the spirit of the law as not at once to see that blood was essentially of the nature of the contract, and therefore needed not to be expressed in order to be included in it?

These great and momentous questions have not yet been answered.

Any correspondence upon this subject from Sir Henry, Miss Terry or the shade of Shakespeare will be thankfully received.

Mr. Fortin has decided, we are sorry to say, to complete his University course at Laval.

Mr. Fortin's interesting personality will be much missed.

The Donaldas will be sorry to hear that, after many years of practical study and experience, Cupid has decided that love is a vain thing.

"All is vanity, including women," he informed us. "Henceforth all my time, energy and talents will be devoted to the Circuit Court." We sympathize with the Donaldas, and sincerely congratulate the Circuit Court on its great victory.

Obligations on the 19th, Bibliography (*en masse*) on the 26th. Ye gods! what a time we are going to have this year!

A desire was expressed by several of the Students that Professor Fortin, who is lecturing this year on Prescription, should give his lectures in French. A meeting was consequently called to discover the wishes of the majority upon the subject. Several good speeches were made, notably those by Messrs. Bond, Pelland and Jasmin. The latter made a very clever speech, and shewed clearly that, though a matter of indifference to him, it would be of great benefit to the English students to have the lectures in French.

It was ultimately decided, however, that, as the subject is a difficult one, it would be better to have the lectures in English. A motion was carried accordingly.

We are glad to see Mr. R. Marler with us this year. Mr. Marler is, we understand, studying for the Notarial profession.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

The Years have elected officers as follows:—

Fourth Year—Pres., Geo. Walkem; Vice-Pres., C. H. Wright; Sec., Alex. R. Dufresne; Reading Room, J. Hunter and W. M. Webb; Class Reporter, Forrest Rutherford.

Third Year—Pres., B. C. Travis; Vice-Pres., O. S. Finnie; Sec., P. Paradis; Reading Room, R. L. Haycock and H. Burnham; Class Reporter, G. R. MacLeod.

General-Treasurer, J. W. Bell.

Second Year—Pres., A. Laurie; Vice-Pres., E. McLea; Sec., J. B. McRea; Reading Room, A. Davis; Class Reporter, E. G. Cape.

First Year—Pres., N. M. McLeod; Vice-Pres., R. Kane; Sec., Mr. Young; Reading Room, Mr. Nicols; Class Reporter, E. F. Sise.

H. M. McKay, Sc. '94, was in town one day last week, on his way to Ottawa from the Lower St. Lawrence, where he was engaged on the tidal survey during the summer. He was warmly welcomed by his many friends in college.

Cecil Holland, Sc. '96-97-98, has sought fresh pastures, and now signs himself Med. '99.

The Science students had their introduction to our new Principal last week, on the occasion of Lord Playfair's visit to McGill. They came to the unanimous decision that "He's all right," and were ready to bet on it too. They also hope that the next time they meet him he will not be so short of time for his address.

The Fourth Year is in mourning. Ogilvie is in Alaska, and Archibald is not here, and the civils and miners will not be comforted.

Changes and additions to our teaching staff have been made as follows:—Mr. W. A. Carlyle, Ma.E., lecturer in Mining, to be professor in the same subject; Mr. C. B. Smith, Ma.E., lecturer in Civil and Railroad Engineering, professor in the same subjects; Mr. Guest, assistant professor in Mechanical Engineering; W. A. Duff, Sc. '94, demonstrator in Thermo Lab.; Louis Herdt, Sc. '93, demonstrator Dynamo Room; J. G. G. Herry, Ma.E., lecturer in Descriptive Geometry and Surveying.

W——m.—“Oh! that is all right ; the Fourth Year always turn out FULL.”

Thermo class. Prof.—“What is Pole noted for?”
Student—“A treatise on 'whist.”

We are most pleased to see our esteemed Secretary's name holding such a prominent position on the Board.

What about the drinking cups for the lavatories that were promised us when the present Seniors were Freshmen? We pause for a reply, and would like it soon.

T—— (reading sextant).—“The sun is $14^{\circ} 30'$ below zero.”

(On the mountain) “We must be about the summit.”
“No ; some'(at) higher up.”

“You are liable to arrest for trespass if you go that way.”

“Well, I am tired and want a (r) rest.”

What a *funny* cular polygon it is, oh ye juniors!

“K—— left his umbrella in Knox church the other night.” “Well, that knox him out of his umbrella.”

During the last few weeks the Freshmen have been very much in evidence about the corridors workshops, etc. Their confidence in themselves, seems unbounded. May it stand by them in the trying times that come in December and April.

At the first scrap of the year between the Sophs and Freshies, the latter made a very good impression on the minds of the onlookers and on the persons of the Sophs.

The following are on the committee to arrange Sports Night celebration : F. Rutherford, C. H. Wright, B. Travis, and Messrs. Wilkinson, McPhail, Henderson.

They are workers, and backed up as they are by the sentiment of the whole Faculty of Science, they should do much to make the enterprise of the Glee & Banjo Club a success.

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

We welcome to our columns all new contributors and readers this year. With such an able staff of class-reporters as have been elected, we feel that our items will be as entertaining as those of former years.

These reporters are as follows :—

First Year.—Miss Tighe.

Second Year.—Miss Bourke-Wright.

Third Year.—Miss Rugg.

Fourth Year.—Miss Macphail.

The officers for the several years have also been elected.

FIRST YEAR.

President.—Miss Potter.

Vice-President.—Miss Finley.

Secretary.—Miss Radford.

SECOND YEAR.

President.—Miss Brooks.

Vice-President.—Miss Jordan.

Secretary.—Miss Cowan.

THIRD YEAR.

President.—Miss Cameron.

Vice-President.—Miss McBurney.

Secretary.—Miss Young.

FOURTH YEAR.

President.—Miss Hammond.

Vice-President.—Miss Denoon.

Secretary.—Miss Brown.

It is evident that Miss Brooks' and Miss Potter's class-mates appreciate having exhibition-winners among them, since they have entrusted them with their highest offices. “These are they who deserve their greatness.”

On Friday, September 27th, a business meeting of the four Years was held, at which the officers of the Reading-Room Committee were elected, and a few remarks were made concerning the FORTNIGHTLY for those unacquainted with it.

The higher education of women does not seem to be in great disfavor in Montreal. There are one hundred and twenty-four women attending lectures this year, fifty-nine of whom are undergraduates and ten taking full work not yet matriculated.

Miss McWilliam and Miss Hill will be greatly missed by their class-mates of '96. We regret that they have not returned.

Recently a curious optical illusion was shown in the Second Year Psychology class. Taking two vertical lines of the same length, but adding at their extremities lines having a different direction, we agreed it was impossible to believe the original vertical lines were of the same length.

Thus :



Does not this fact offer a suggestion to all very tall and very short students who deplore their lengths?

The new "Students' Hand Book," published by the Y. M. C. A., is an excellent little book of its kind. Yet it might have added one more charitable hint to the new student, namely, that nothing in the Calendar Time-Table means anything, and that it will be no waste of time to calculate how many times the given subjects therein may be changed in the given hours.

At the reception given by the Y. W. C. A. to new students, a good many of last session's Freshies were present. There was noticeable now and then an expression of something akin to elation on the faces of these latter as they talked to the new-comers, and asked in condescending tones how they were finding the work, — no doubt reflecting with pleasure that now it was possible to snub instead of being snubbed.

The Gymnasium class was reopened on Tuesday, October 1st, with a very fair attendance; but there is still much room for improvement in this respect, and the time to come is at the beginning. It is very much regretted that Miss Barnjum, owing to illness, is prevented from being present, and her return is looked for with pleasant anticipations. In the meantime, the class is skillfully managed by Miss Evans, accompanied at the piano by our old friend Miss Lilian Evans.

Once more we say to every Donalda, come and you will make up for the time spent, by the energy with which you can take your "notes" when fresh from the "Gym".

Junior (in perplexity)—"What are the advantages of an Honor Course?"

Senior.—"You see, in the first place, you don't have to take Mechanics."

The Junior is taking Honors.

"Sermons in books, stones in the running brooks and good in everything" such is the critique of our modern geologist—such wisdom does the attainment of seniority bestow.

Wondrous echoes reach us from St. Helen's Island, and surely never did the Mile End quarries resound with a more "stout-hearted" stroke than that which on Saturday last severed the rocks and "won the fossil fair." Not only was there sought the pure truth of Science, but the mind seemed to soar into regions of the ideal, resulting in touching reflections such as this:—

"Two Trilobita once lived side by side
In life they loved, grim Death did not divide."

Exalted thus, and laden with ancient lore,—to say nothing of ungainly parcels of broken stones, the geologists return to ordinary life, well satisfied with their morning's rambles, and determined to come next time prepared with satchels in which to carry said parcels, also resolved to put a little more energy into their pounding and to "mind their eyes."

The Second Year students are pleased to have among them three new comers: Miss Munns and Miss Van Vliet from Stanstead College, and Miss Reynolds from Queen's.

The Constitution for the Donalda Department, which was drawn up last year, was read to the four assembled Years, Thursday, October 3rd. It is hoped that this attempt to do away with the constant collecting of small fees will prove a success in its working this year.

The Honor English students are finding the Saturday morning readings from Professor Moyse most delightful, and feel it to be a great kindness shown them. The thought of this feast of good things coming at the end of the week tides over many an hour of monotonous work, and when Saturday morning is past, the timorous "Rival," "The Blessed Demoiselle," or the noble "Montrose" are their companions for days to come.

The Sophomores of 1894-'95 have, with one exception, come up for the Junior work.

We regret exceedingly the absence of Miss Rickey. Any break in the pleasant circle of last year is to be regretted. We are glad to see Miss McBurney once more, and cordially welcome Miss Rugg from Stanstead College and Miss Reynolds from Queen's.

We feel that this class is to be a brilliant one. Already, even after these few days, the students show a remarkable recollection of last year's work. The bewildered expression usual at this time of the year has been observed to give way to one of intelligent and glad recognition at the Professor's mild suggestion "ablative absolute." On Wednesday last, one of our number distinguished the "dative of the agent" from "the ablative of means." On Friday three remembered the formula $s = vt$.

We consider this very encouraging, and anticipate great results from the year's work.

The Freshies are the most skeptical individuals imaginable, indeed they go beyond the imagination of simple-minded Donaldas. One of them, not knowing what to do with her gown at night, was told to hang it up; but this she would not do, because she thought some thief in the night might carry it off. Therefore she locked it in her locker, where it would be safe from human hands. She was starting home joyfully when suddenly a terrible thought came into her head—there might be mice—but her friends all assured her that there were not any; so she went home. Next morning, a little before sunrise, she was up knocking at the door; when she got in, she flew to get her gown, and satisfied herself that it was all right. Evidently she had been haunted all night with visions of mice roaming round the building dressed in gowns—her gown. Let us hope that anxiety about her gown will not affect her work.

Lively young Donaldas'99 were pleased to learn that they were to "scamper over the Anglo-Saxon poets," for these gentlemen, having been resting so long, must be quite numb by this time, and will not be conscious of their disrespectful treatment.

Donalda translation:—

Der Vater schüttelte seinem Sohne die Hand und sagta ihm Lebewohl.

The father shook his son with his hand and said farewell.

FACULTY OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE.

The opening lecture of the session delivered by Dr. M. C. Baker was of a highly entertaining and instructive nature.

He advised participation in the College sports by the students, and systematic study,—a plan which, if followed, would materially lessen the work and worry incident to approaching exams.

More college spirit among the students and a closer affiliation of the different Faculties were referred to as most desirable.

Dr. William Bryden, '71, well and favorably known in Boston, died there on June 28, 1895, after a protracted illness.

Deceased was a native of Scotland, but came to the new world when a boy. He graduated from the Montreal Veterinary College shortly after its foundation, and for many years served on the examining board.

He was a past president of the U. S. Veterinary Medical Association; also a charter member and past president of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, and an honorary member at the time of his demise.

For many years he was inspector of cattle for British steamships at the port of Boston, known personally to most members of the profession throughout the country, and to others, by his frequent contributions to the professional journals.

He was a good friend and ever ready adviser to the young practitioner, of a genial and hospitable nature, an able student and an intelligent practitioner of the science he loved.

Dr. E. H. Lenhert, '95, is lecturing on Veterinary Science at the Mass. State Agricultural College, during the absence in Europe of Dr. J. B. Paige, '88.

Dr. C. H. Zink, Valedictorian '95, is on the staff of inspectors at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Alex. Cowan is practising his profession in the city.

Dr. Martin, M.D., C.M., is delivering special lectures on Pathology to the Final Year students, which arrangement is highly appreciated.

The genial F. Brennan has left our ranks to engage in the study of Medicine.

Messrs. S. C. Richards, '96, and W. Burns, '97, will represent the Faculty at the Athletic Association, meetings during the session.

Following are the class officers for this session:
Third Year.—President, J. A. Ness; Sec.-Treas. E. H. Morris; Class Reporter, E. C. Thurston.

Second Year.—President, B. A. Sugden, Sec., B. Killam; Class Reporter, W. A. Hilliard.

First Year.—President, W. L. Bell; Sec., W. B. Wallis; Class Reporter, J. Spanton.

"Where's handsome Harry?" is a question the Final Year men are asking.

ATHLETICS.

This system of ours is a very complex mechanism, and to be in perfect running order every part must be perfectly balanced.

A student with a faulty pair of lungs, a cranky digestive apparatus, and a torpid liver cannot expect to do himself or his work justice. How many McGill students take proper exercise? Very few; for in this day of long hours in close lecture theatres, and long evenings spent over his books, a man's animal nature is too often entirely neglected.

Now, surely, we can all afford to set aside an hour each day for outdoor exercise, don some athletic costume, and turn out on the College campus.

Men are needed on the track, on the turf, and on the foot-ball field. Let some of the strong-muscled, big-boned men we see strolling aimlessly around during practice hours strip off and help to uphold the honor of "Old McGill" on the field. McGill for some time has been handicapped by the lack of weight in the forward line, and yet we have material enough in the College to form as heavy, as strong, and as active a combination as that of any team in Canada.

Let the foot-ball enthusiasts work up inter-faculty and inter-class matches, and stir up a friendly rivalry. That's the way to develop new material for the teams. Try and get the Freshmen out. They are the men of whom the future teams must be largely composed.

Men of the Freshmen classes, don't be backward in coming out. The captains and committees will be glad to welcome you, and give you all the coaching necessary.

Athletics should boom at McGill. We want three winning Rugby teams, a crack Hockey team, an invincible Association team, and in the spring line, cricket, base-ball, lacrosse and tennis clubs.

We also want record-breaking runners and jumpers, and there is no reason why we shouldn't have them if each man would put his whole heart in the work.

It is too true that the facilities for field sports are not as good as we could wish; but the only way to secure better is for each man to turn out, and make further improvements an absolute necessity.

SPORTS DAY.

The great event of the fall term at McGill is the annual Field Day. It is a day of all-round sport, such as anyone and everyone can thoroughly enjoy.

We hope that on this day every McGill student will lay aside his work, loosen up his Choral chords, turn out on the campus and make the Sports boom.

We look for a close contest this term for the "Faculty Trophy." Science men claim that they have a "cinch" this year; Medicine probably has something up her sleeve, however; and Arts, though not saying much, no doubt is thinking deeply.

Now, men of every Faculty turn out *en masse*. To an athlete striving to win, nothing is so encouraging as the hearty cheers of his class-mates.

Good order, however, is absolutely necessary for the carrying on of successful events, so let every man not on the committee keep outside the ropes. Everybody will then have a chance to see.

FOOT-BALL.

Mc-G-I-L-L-. What's the matter with old McGill?
Well I guess she's about all right.

Five teams in the field and only one defeat. This is a record.

On last Saturday, 12th inst., with ardor unquenched by the driving rain, five teams went forth to do battle for their Alma Mater, and to hunt the slimy and elusive pig-skin. Four teams came back victorious, but one left the scalps of its players in the wigwags of the enemy.

MCGILL I. vs. BRITANNIA I.

The old Shamrock grounds were wet, decidedly wet;

they were muddy, very muddy. A few struggling blades of grass, and an inviting mud-puddle here and there enlivened the scene. It was a lovely day for foot-ball.

From the start McGill went in to win. The Britts never had a chance to win. Time and time again our boys had the ball behind their goals, and were called back and forced to scrimmage. Our wings were too fast and our halves too sure of their punts to leave many openings for their opponents.

The game was not a brilliant one, but was amusing in the extreme to an onlooker. The men looked more like a crowd of "Dago" laborers than foot-ball players after they got through. In fact, it is reported that the owners of the grounds are thinking of claiming damages for the amount of soil removed by the players.

At half time the score stood, McGill 7, Britts 1. In the latter half McGill added 7 more and Britts 1, making 14 for the College and 2 for Britts.

As individuals our team played a hard and fast game. Levesque and the backs showed up well, especially in quick and sure punting. The wings can hardly be improved on, and the scrim works like clockwork, but was weakened by the absence of Grace; Dandurand also was not playing. The teams were as follows:

MCGILL.		BRITANNIA.		
Brunelle.	} Back	W. Jones & Mackay.	{ C. Saunderson. V. Barray. MacDonald.	
Molson.				
Trenholm Capt.				
Drinkwater.	} Half Back		{ Linton. Carter. Crowley.	
Levesque.				
King.				
Howard.	} Scrimmage		{ Vipond. Whitam. McRobie.	
Alley.				
Wilkinson.				
Tees.	} Wings.		{ J. Barry. N. Barkley. Brown. Reynolds. Alex. Barklay.	
Turner.				
Moore.				
Schwartz.				
Hill.				
J. Baikley.				
Referee, Mr. V. Buchanan.				
Umpire, Mr. F. Jack.				

MCGILL II. vs. MONTREAL II.

Our second ran up against a heavier team, and on a wet field couldn't hold their own. They fought hard, but at the finish of the game the score stood 26-4 against them. Never mind, boys, you have another chance yet. Beat the record of last year. Score 23 points more than your opponents next Saturday, and you stand a good chance of retaining the championship.

MCGILL III. vs. BRITANNIA.

What's the matter with our III team? At half time Britts were ahead 8-7. At the end of the game it was 34-8 in favor of McGill. Our boys simply walked all over their opponents in the last half, and won an easy victory.

Now for Quebec. Practise hard, boys. Play as a team,

not as individuals, and you can whip that combination I, II, III team of Quebec.

McGill—Back, Patch; half backs, Heustis, McLennan and McLeod; quarter, Burton; scrim, Ross, Blaylock, Burke; wings, Austin, McFall, Packard, Vipond, Davidson, Nichol, Balfour Capt.; referee, C. Hill.

A PROPHET IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.

Few musicians are better known in Montreal than the talented violinist, Mr. F. Jehin Prume, and the following letter, addressed to Mr. Pratte, Managing Director of The Pratte Piano Co., Ltd., will convey to Canadians an idea of the high quality of the Pianos made by this firm. The following is a photo-engraving of the original manuscript.

Montreal, 19 Mars 1894

Cher Monsieur Pratte

C'est avec grand plaisir que je vous adresse toutes mes félicitations pour vos nouveaux pianos, qui peuvent certainement prendre place parmi les instruments des facteurs les plus renommés.

Vos pianos se distinguent surtout par la délicatesse du toucher qui permet de produire les nuances les plus variées, que par la faculté sympathique et la pureté du son. L'égalité et la précision du mécanisme sont admirables.

Je me ferai un plaisir de les recommander à tous ceux qui désireront entrer en possession d'un instrument parfait sous tous les rapports.

Bien à vous

F. Jehin Prume

(Translation).

MONTREAL, 19th March, 1894.

DEAR MR. PRATTE,

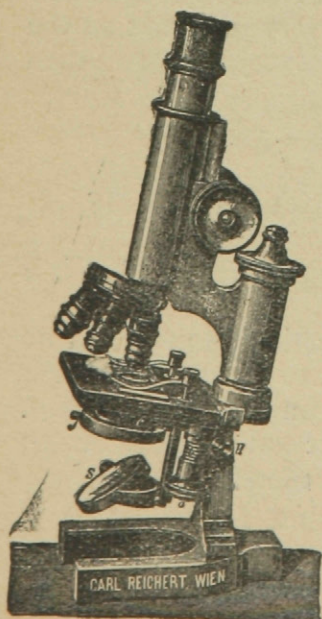
I take great pleasure in offering you my congratulations on your new pianos, which certainly can be classed with those of the most celebrated makers.

Your pianos are as remarkable for their delicate touch, which admits of the utmost variety of shade, as for their pure and sympathetic tone. The quality and elasticity of the action are admirable.

It will be a pleasure to me to recommend them to all desirous of possessing an instrument perfect in every respect.

With best wishes,

F. JEHIN PRUME.



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